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SUBJECT: 1975 EA NARCOTICS CONFERENCE

1. THE DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO PROPOSE BANGKOK AS SITE
FOR 1975 EA REGIONAL NARCOTICS COORDINATORS CONFERENCE.
WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY BANGKOK'S CONFIRMATION THAT
A TWO-DAY CONFERENCE MARCH 24-25, FOLLOWED BY A WORKSHOP
ON OVERSEAS AMERICAN COMMUNITY NARCOTICS PROBLEMS MARCH
26, WOULD NOT POSE ANY SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN TERMS OF RTG
SENSITIVITIES OR HOTEL SPACE. BELIEVE MAJORITY OF PAR-
TICIPANTS WOULD REQUIRE ROOMS MARCH 22-26, WITH SOME RE-
QUIRED MARCH 20-27. PREFER DUSIT THANI. CONFERENCE WOULD
ALSO REQUIRE A SECURE MEETING PLACE WITHIN EMBASSY OR OTHER
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USG INSTALLATION.

2. THE RECENTLY IMPOSED TEN PERCENT CONGRESSIONAL RESTRICTION ON THE OBLIGATION OF TRAVEL FUNDS MAKES IT IMPERATIVE THAT THE NUMBER OF OFFICERS INVITED TO THE CONFERENCE BE HELD TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM. CONSEQUENTLY THE NUMBER ATTENDING WILL BE MUCH SMALLER THAN LAST YEAR AND, COUNTING REPRESENTATIVES FROM OTHER AGENCIES, THE TOTAL SHOULD NOT EXCEED 50. OTHER AGENCY REPS WILL INCLUDE DEA COUNTRY SAICS AND REGIONAL DIRECTORS, CINCPAC REP, AND WASHINGTON REPS OF CABINET COMMITTEE ON INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL

AND EA INTER-AGENCY WORKING GROUP.

3. AS SOON AS AGENDA IS DETERMINED, WE WILL REQUEST CERTAIN POSTS TO PRESENT PAPERS ON VARIOUS TOPICS. PURPOSE OF PRESENTATIONS WILL BE TO PROVIDE BASIC BACKGROUND AND IDEAS ON PARTICULAR TOPICS TO STIMULATE DISCUSSION BY CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS.

4. EA/EX WILL FUND TRAVEL OF EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS IN CASES WHERE ATTENDANCE BY EMBASSY OFFICERS IS CONSIDERED ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. KISSINGER

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